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## A CATHEDRAL CITY.

The subject of the erection of West and Southwest Virginia into a separate Episcopal diocese is worthy of more than passing attention. It will be found of interest to laymen even outside the Episcopal Church. To Roanoke it means much, for this is the natural center for the cathedral city and here is where the bishop should find a home.

There is plenty of time to discuss the matter, as it will be a year before the diocese can be created. But here is an outline for the situation. To be a cathedral city we must show a willingness to erect a cathedral.

What a magnificent site might be found either on Terry Hill or the West End boulevard, where the noble expanse of mountain scenery on every side would surround that jewel of man's tribute to his Maker—a cathedral.

And if the spirit should move to the erection of this western diocese THE TIMES believes that the Episcopal Church would wax strong and great under the guidance of such a broad minded, cultured and progressive man as Rev. Melville Jackson, D. D., now assistant bishop of Alabama, and formerly of Virginia.

That cathedral ought to cost something like \$200,000.

## LICENSE TAXES.

Taxation is good or evil according to its application. In Egypt once the government put a heavy tax on date palm trees, so heavy that there was a certain loss on every crop. The peasants stood it one season and then cut down the trees by the thousands. The government then came to its senses and took off the tax.

Here in Roanoke license taxes are applied with a dexterous unwisdom, which is none the less unwise because they are not absolutely prohibitive. Professional men are taxed for the privilege of practicing their professions. It is exactly as unjust to tax a professional man for laboring as it would be to tax a hod carrier for the privilege of carrying a hod, and because professional men submit to it does not justify the tax in one iota.

If Roanoke were as progressive in the matters of taxation and municipal government as her citizens are in business matters and industrial development, she would throw three-fourths of her license laws into the rubbish pile with other fifteenth century bric-a-brac.

## THE FLYING MACHINE POSSIBLE.

Superintendent S. P. Langley, of the Smithsonian Institution, read a paper before the National Academy of Sciences, in session at Washington Tuesday, which will attract wide attention. He is a physicist of high standing and speaks with authority. In his paper he positively declares that the problems of aerial navigation are on the verge of practical solution. As soon as competent engineers take up the subject the thing is done.

By means of carefully conducted experiments Professor Langley demonstrates that the buoying power of the air increases with the horizontal speed of the object moving through it. For instance, a flat stick rapidly rotated in a horizontal plane is perceptibly longer in falling to the ground from a given height than the same stick dropped without being whirled. Professor Langley further likened flying to a man skating on thin ice; the faster he skated the less the danger of breaking in.

In his tests he discovered that it actually took less power to move a flat brass plate at the rate of forty miles an hour than to sustain it when stationary. Along this line the phenomenon of the flight of birds is vastly simplified. It has always been beyond reason that so

heavy a bird as the wild duck should be able to fly at the rate of eighty miles an hour for hours. By Professor Langley's tests it becomes plain that the required power does not increase in proportion to the speed of the bird.

This is a wonderful discovery. Aerial navigation may yet be successfully developed this side of the millenium. But where is the genius who can apply it?

## THE CORRIGAN CASE.

The decision of Judge Robertson in the Corrigan case should meet with the favor of at least a majority of the good citizens of Roanoke. His reasons as stated are sufficient. The result of this case also shows the necessity of the excise board having some fixed rules of action. Had the board acted under rules that should regulate at least a part of their actions, the majority of the board would not have been subjected to the humiliation of having their action reversed by Judge Robertson.

ATTENTION is called to a letter from Prof. William Taylor Thom, printed elsewhere, concerning night schools. He makes a statement regarding the sources from which the present pupils are drawn which conclusively upholds the position taken in Vice-President Eddy's recent letter. It is as much the duty of the city to light the intellects of its youth as it is to light the streets.

The fifteen-page trade edition of the Portsmouth Daily Progress, issued April 10, made a fine exhibit of the trade, advantages and future prospects of Portsmouth. It reflects much credit upon Mr. J. H. Wilcox, editor of the Progress.

## THE NIGHT SCHOOL.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE TIMES: It was a pleasure to read in your issue of Sunday, April 19, the excellent letter of Mr. C. G. Eddy, vice-president of the Norfolk and Western railroad urging upon our City Council the establishment of night schools as part of our public school system. An analysis according to the daily work of the pupils attending the free night school will show how much night instruction is needed and appreciated.

There are now forty pupils in the night school, of whom eighteen came from the Roanoke Machine Works, ten from the Norfolk and Western offices, two from the city engineer's office, two from the coal and coke company's office, one from the American Bridge Company, one from Crozer Furnace, one from Hammond's printing works, one from the Consolidated Mining Company's office, one from the Bridgewater Carriage Company, one from Dunlap & Barnett's office, one from a baker's shop and one is a carpenter.

Among these pupils, who are all working well, there are a number of boys too young for apprenticeship. The free night school was not intended originally to include them, but they could not be turned away after coming, and instruction had to be provided for them. The city should take care of them. The remainder include apprentices and regular workers who are trying to improve themselves in their callings.

It would be very encouraging to the pupils and very beneficial to the night school if some of our public-spirited citizens would offer two prizes of \$5, one for the best piece of free-hand drawing and one for the best specimen of mechanical drawing executed by the pupils, comparative progress being, of course, taken into consideration.

The thanks of both pupils and teachers are due to the City Council for its promptness in providing good lights for the drawing classes and to the school board for the use of the First Ward school building.

Very respectfully,  
WM. TAYLOR THOM, chairman.  
April 22, 1891.

## The President's Southern Trip.

From the Philadelphia Inquirer.

The receptions accorded the President during his Southern tour have been highly flattering. Men of all parties have joined in doing him honor. There is a general disposition among the Democrats to connect this tour with a preliminary political campaign. In this spirit the New York Herald has taken the trouble to collect the opinions of various Southern editors in the places visited by the President as to the result of the visit.

One of the editors interviewed was H. J. Browne, of THE ROANOKE TIMES, an Independent paper. He said:

"We will never again hear of the force bill. The President is drawn into close sympathy with the new industrial forces of the South, and the South will meet him half way. These enthusiastic receptions are not the outward glamour of forced hospitality; they are heart-felt. Southern Democracy will not be less Democratic, but less partisan; Northern Republicanism will not become less Republican, but more tolerant. The sections are rubbing shoulders."

The most sensible remark of all, this, had the President made this tour a year ago we should not have had much talk about that election bill. He would have known then, as he doubtless does know now—that is, if he had met the Republican business men and not simply the postmasters—that no Republican in the South is in favor of that bill. If he gains the knowledge that he should from this tour he will be convinced that there is but one way to break up the Solid South, and that is by breaking down the barriers of sectionalism. This nation is no longer divided by slavery and bitter political disagreements. It has become one united business nation, and business principles must rule. The Democratic party of the South will not be split by legislation, but by business interests. Break down sectional feeling and the Solid South is no more.

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## Old-Fashioned.

New Boarder—See here, I can't stand this lamp. It smells like an oil refinery. What sort of a lamp is it anyhow?

Chambermaid—That's a center-table lamp, sir.

New Boarder—Well, take it away, and bring me one of the old-fashioned kind. I don't care for these new-fangled scented table-lamps.—N. Y. Weekly.

## "CIRCUMSTANCES ALTER CASES."



Man-Afraid-to-Talk-Back-to-His-Mother-in-Law (flourishing knife)—Wah, me bad Injun; take pale face scalp.

Mr. Man-Out-West—Don't trouble yourself, my friend; allow me to hand it to you.—Life.

## The Deadly Composer.

A New York editor who wrote an obituary notice of a man of some celebrity said: "He began life as a legal practitioner, but was diverted from it by a love of letters." He did not see the printer's proof, and was confronted the next morning with this: "He began life as a legal politician, but was diverted from it by a love of bitters."—Demerara Argus.

## Limitations of Genius.

Book Publisher—I have looked over the manuscript which you submitted to us, and find a good plot, many well-drawn characters, and some picturesque word-painting; but the love-scenes are cold and stilted. Can't you improve on them?

Authoress (wearily)—I am afraid not. I'm married.—N. Y. Weekly.

## More Commodions.

A Western newspaper which announced a "removal into more commodious quarters" had to own up, when driven to the wall by a rival, that it had simply gained one more coathook and twelve inches more elbow room for the devil to shove the roller. It was a gain, however.—Detroit Free Press.

## Eminently Qualified.

Judge—Can you remember nothing of what took place? Try to recall some of the circumstances.

Witness—I have tried, your honor, but I can't. My mind is a perfect blank.

Judge—You may step aside, but don't leave the court-room. We may need you for a juror.—Chicago Tribune.

## A Question of Precedence.

Dudley—Hold on, Singleton; nobody shall act for Miss Barrett in this emergency but myself.

Singleton—On what grounds do you interfere, sir?

Dudley—Miss Barrett promised to be my wife last night, sir.

Singleton—And she promised to be my wife three years ago.—Judge.

## Evident Injustice.

Mr. Merri—I was blackballed at the Fashion Club last night, and I believe that fellow Quickwit who has taken such a fancy to your society was at the bottom of it.

Mrs. Merri—You do Mr. Quickwit great injustice. I am sure he would much rather meet you at the club than here.—N. Y. Weekly.

## A Moral Certainty.

Caraway—Five years from now you won't find any liars at all among the Indians.

Hooks—What makes you think so?

Caraway—Why, by that time the Government won't allow what is left of them to retain even a mental reservation.—Life.

## Terrible Suffering.

"Yes, we're quarreled. I think this parting with my Amelia will kill me."

"I should think you would feel it."

"Feel it? Why, Great Scott, it is torture! She has two hundred thousand in her own right."—Philadelphia Times.

## He Knew the Brand.

"Have a cigar, Billus?"

"Thanks. Don't care if I—"

"They're some my wife gave me for Xmas."

"I guess after all, old fellow, I won't smoke just now."—Jury.

## About the Correct Idea.

He—You ladies only go to church to see the dresses that other ladies wear.

She—And what do you gentlemen go for?

He—To see the ladies who are in the dresses.—Once a Week.

## Mr. Slim's Precautions.

"Isn't that Chollie Slim in the window?"

"Yes. What on earth has he got on his lap?"

"Paper-weight, I guess. It's a very windy morning."—Jury.

## Too Much of a Good Thing.

Patient—I just dropped in to see you, doctor, to say that I am entirely recovered.

Doctor—Is that so? I wish you would drop in oftener.—Puck.

## Trouble with the "It."

Miss De Jones—Aw you a lovah of hawmmony, Mr. De Lewd?

Mr. De Lewd—No—er—cawn't say I am. It don't seem to agree with me as well as oatmeal for breakfast.—Grip.

## Not to Be Divulged.

Jawkins—How did you get that black eye?

Hogg (who has recently had some business in court)—Oh, that's a secret of the jury-room.—Judge.

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